

Statewide Trauma Advisory Council
The RSA Tower, Teleconference
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 3, 2007

In attendance	Beth Anderson, Dr. Alzo Preyear, Danne Howard, Gary Gore, Dr. John Vermillion, Choona Lang, Verla Thomas, Dr. John Campbell, Dennis Blair, Dr. Loring Rue, Allen Foster, Chief Billy Pappas, Dr. George Nunn, Bryan Kindred, Gregg Locklier
Member not Present	Dr. Rony Najjar
Presiding	Dr. Donald Williamson

Agenda Topic: Welcome/Introduction

Dr. Williamson opened the meeting with roll call of everyone in attendance for the teleconference.

Agenda Topic: CME Requirements

Dr. Loring Rue made a motion that there be a requirement that general/trauma surgeons, neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons, and emergency physicians at a Level I trauma center obtain a total of 18hrs of trauma related CME in each three-year period
Dr. Rue seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

After extensive discussion, Dr. Campbell made a motion that all emergency physician staff at all levels of trauma centers be required to maintain ATLS certification. There will be a three-year grace period to comply with this requirement.
Dr. Preyear seconded the motion
All were in favor.

Agenda Topic: Primary Triage Criteria

Dr. Campbell suggested changing the Glasgow Coma Scale for head trauma. (a patient with head trauma and a Glasgow Coma Scale score of 13 or less will be entered into the trauma system). The decision as to what Glasgow Coma Scale score will be used to determine secondary triage to a Level One Trauma Center will be up to the regional trauma councils.
Dr. Vermillion made the motion and Dr Rue seconded.
All were in favor

Agenda Topic:

Hospital Proposed Trauma Designation

Dr. Campbell went over changes that were suggested and made from the last meeting on the Trauma Center Designations.

See Alabama Trauma Center Designation attachment

Dr. Williamson summarized changes that were made and discussed by the council members. Then he called roll to confirm the vote:

Dr. Rue	Yes	Dr. Vermillion	Yes
Anderson	Yes	Foster	Yes
Dr. Preyear	Yes	Chief Pappas	Yes
Kindred	Yes	Dr. Campbell	Yes
Gore	Yes		

Agenda Topic:

Software/BREMSS

Dr. Williamson clarified the role and responsibilities for the implementation of the statewide trauma system.

The State Board of Health, through the Alabama Department of Public Health, will develop and manage the statewide trauma system. BREMSS will be contracted to provide technical support for the development of the system.

Ms. Anderson made the motion to allow ADPH to contract with BREMSS to provide this service.

Dr. Vermillion seconded the motion.

All were in favor to contract with BREMSS.

Agenda Topic:

Workgroup Volunteers Update

Dr. Campbell stated more volunteers were needed for the empty workgroup slots.

- Dr. Rue volunteered for the QI Plan workgroup.
- Dr. Preyear volunteered for the Trauma Region Designation workgroup.
- Allen Foster and Dr. Vermillion volunteered for the Air Ambulance Protocol workgroup.

Agenda Topic:

Take Back Agreement

Dr. Williamson explained the Take Back Agreement and the council tabled for later discussion.

Agenda Topic:

Next Meeting

Next Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2007

10:00a.m. – 12n BREMSS in Birmingham. Also

A TCC walk through will schedule for this meeting. Also, there may be a presentation from a pediatric emergency physician about Children

Hospital's trauma service.

Motion to Adjourn

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